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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
Justin Chuang et al.) Group Art Unit: 2618
Serial No.: 09/774,875) Examiner: E. Bayard
Filed: February 1, 2001) Atty. Docket No.: 3493.00151
For: METHOD FOR NEAR OPTIMAL JOINT) (IDS 2000-0071)
CHANNEL ESTIMATION AND DATA)
DETECTION FOR COFDM SYSTEMS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to an
action on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following:

--This application claims the benefit of priority of Provisional Application No.
60/241,295, filed on October 19, 2000, and of Provisional Application No. 60/180,799,
filed on February 7, 2000, and is related by subject matter to U.S. Patent Application No.
09/774,802 filed February 1, 2001, entitled "System for Near Optimal Joint Channel
Estimation and Data Detection for COFDM Systems," by the inventors of the present
application filed concurrently herewith.--

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